## Salem County Department of Health and Human Services

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION**

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## Dear Home Owner:

Enclosed is your approved copy of the Salem County Well permit. Please note the expiration date located in the upper left hand corner of the permit. All wells drilled must meet specific water testing requirements once completed. The following are instructions on completing the testing requirements and obtaining a water certification from the Salem County Department of Health.

The required water testing after a well is drilled or to obtain certification from this department is as follows:

\*Total Coliform Bacteria

\*Nitrates

\*Iron

\*Mercury

\*Manganese

\*Volatile Organic Compounds

\*Lead

\*Gross Alpha Particle Activity (including radium)

\*PH

Water testing must meet the requirements for the Private Well Testing Act (PWTA). For more information about the Private Well testing Act, please visit <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/dep/pwta">http://www.state.nj.us/dep/pwta</a> or you may contact this office.

Your local construction office may require a water certification letter from the County Health Department **PRIOR** to the issuance of a **Certificate of Occupancy**. A water certification letter can be issued for a fee of \$65.00, provided the following:

- The samples must be collected and analyzed by a New Jersey State Certified Laboratory.
- All parameters must meet Safe Drinking Water standards.
- Coliform bacteria test must be sampled within the past 6 months.
- All other parameters must have been sampled within the past 1 year.
- Original test results are submitted to our office (we will not accept copies).

If a water certification is not required by your construction office, you will still be required to have your water tested for the above parameters by a certified laboratory and send copies to the County Health Department.

As the homeowner, it is <u>your</u> responsibility to make sure all testing results are forwarded to the Health Department.

\*\*\*For your convenience, a list of state certified labs that service Salem County is provided on the reverse side of this notice. Please note that this list is not all inclusive. For a complete list of certified labs, please visit the above listed website. Please call 856-935-7510 ext 8448 if you have any questions.

<sup>\*</sup>The Salem County Department of Health does not accept 5 parameter waters tests.

| Vineland Environmental Laboratories, Vineland     | 856-692-6800 |
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| South Jersey Water Test LLC, Sicklerville         | 856-875-3506 |
| QC Laboratories, Vineland                         | 856-563-0101 |
| Better Environmental Protection labs, Cinnaminson | 856-829-4392 |
| Val Associates Laboratory Inc., Cherry Hill       | 856-354-1337 |
| Cape Environmental Laboratory, Middle Twp         | 609-463-0077 |